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## BEFORE THE VIRGINIA GAS AND OIL BOARD

DOCKET NO.

VGOB-08-0115-2125-01

APPLICANT: Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc.

) VIRGINIA GAS

) AND OIL BOARD

RELIEF SOUGHT EXCEPTION TO STATEWIDE SPACING

LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED BY VA. CODE § 45.1-361.17 (a) (2) FOR **WELL NO. V-536706** 

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

DRILLING UNIT SERVED BY WELL
NUMBERED V-536706
TO BE DRILLED IN THE LOCATION
DEPICTED ON EXHIBIT A HERETO,
New York Mining & Manufacturing Co./TL-211 Tract
578.75 Acres, more or less
CANEY RIDGE QUADRANGLE
KENADY DISTRICT
DICKENSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA
(the "Subject Lands" are more particularly described on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof)

## REPORT OF THE BOARD

## FINDINGS AND ORDER

- 1. <u>Hearing Date and Place</u>: This matter came on for hearing before the Virginia Gas and Oil Board (hereafter "Board") at **9:00 a.m.** on <u>January 15, 2008</u>, Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center, Campus of Virginia Highlands Community College, Abingdon, Virginia.
- 2. Appearances: Timothy E. Scott of McKinnis & Scott, appeared for the Applicant.
- 3. <u>Jurisdiction and Notice</u>: Pursuant to Va. Code §§ 45.1-361.1 *et seq.*, the Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the subject matter. Based upon the evidence presented by Applicant, the Board also finds that the Applicant has (1) exercised due diligence in conducting a meaningful search of reasonably available sources to determine the identity and whereabouts of each gas and oil owner, coal owner, or mineral owner having an interest in Subject Drilling Unit underlying and comprised of Subject Lands; and (2) represented to the Board that it has given notice to those parties (hereafter sometimes "person(s)" whether referring to individuals, corporations, partnerships associations, companies, businesses, trusts, joint ventures or other legal entities) entitled by Va. Code § 45.1-361.19 to notice of this application. Further, the Board has caused notice of this

hearing to be published as required by Va. Code § 45.1-361.19.B. Whereupon, the Board hereby finds that the notices given herein satisfy all statutory requirements, Board rule requirements and the minimum standards of state due process.

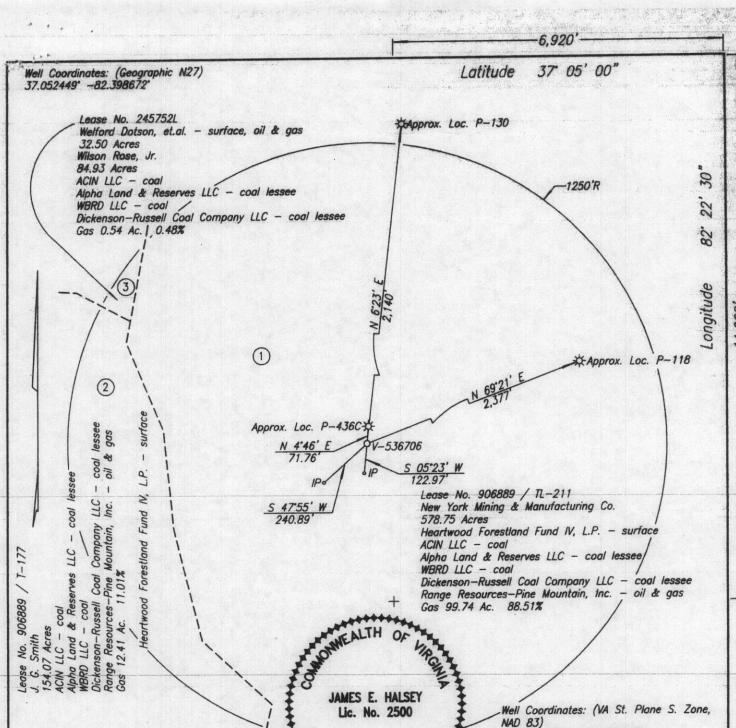
- 4. Relief Requested: Applicant requests an exception to the statewide spacing limitations set forth in Va. Code § 45.1-361.17 for Well No. V-536706.
- 5. Relief Granted: The requested relief in this cause shall be and hereby is granted. The Board hereby grants Applicant consent to permit and drill proposed Well No. V-536706, 2,140 feet from existing Equitable Gas Well No. P-130; and 2,377 feet from existing Equitable Gas Well No. P-118 at the location depicted on the Plat attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- Special Findings: The Board specifically and specially finds:
  - 6.1 Applicant is Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. Applicant is duly authorized and qualified to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
  - 6.2 Applicant Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. is an operator in the Commonwealth of Virginia and has satisfied the Board's requirements for operations in Virginia;
  - Applicant claims ownership of Conventional Gas Leases of Subject Drilling Unit and the right to explore for, develop and produce Gas from Well No. <u>V-536706</u>, as well as the right to participate and develop the reciprocal wells, being Well No. **P-130** and Well No. **P-118**;
  - The proposed Well No. <u>V-536706</u> is located on the <u>New York Mining & Manufacturing Co. 578.75-Acre Tract TL-211</u> and the surface, coal, gas and oil owners have consented to the proposed location for Well No. <u>V-536706</u> that is depicted on the Plat attached hereto as **Exhibit A**;
  - 6.5 The Applicant testified it has the right to operate and participate in the development of the reciprocal wells **P-130** and **P-118**, and that the granting of the application filed herein will not impact the correlative rights of any person;
  - An exception to the well spacing requirements of Va. Code § 45.1-361.17 for Well No. <u>V-536706</u> is necessary to efficiently drain a portion of the common sources of supply (reservoir) underlying Subject Drilling Unit, and the Board's granting of the requested location exception is in the best interest of preventing the waste of <u>350</u> million cubic feet of Conventional Gas underlying the Subject Drilling Unit, and to generally effect the purposes of the Virginia and Oil Act;
  - Applicant proposes the drilling of Well No. <u>V-536706</u> to a depth of <u>6,100</u> feet on the Subject Drilling Unit at the location depicted on Exhibit A to produce all the Mississippian and Devonian Age formations including, but not limited to, <u>Ravencliff</u>, <u>Maxon</u>, <u>Big Lime</u>, <u>Weir</u>, <u>Berea</u> and <u>Devonian Shale</u>, from surface to total depth drilled, <u>6,100</u> feet ("Subject Formations");
  - 6.8 Applicant proposes to drill Well No. <u>V-536706</u> a distance of <u>360</u> feet closer to existing Equitable Gas Well <u>P-130</u>, and a distance of <u>123</u> feet closer to existing Equitable Gas Well <u>P-118</u>, than the 2,500 feet mandated by statewide spacing;

- 6.9 Applicant proposes to complete and operate Well No. <u>V-536706</u> for the purpose of producing Conventional Gas;
- 7. <u>Conclusion</u>: Therefore, the requested relief and all terms and provisions set forth above be and hereby are granted and **IT IS SO ORDERED**.
- 8. Appeals: Appeals of this Order are governed by the provisions of Va. Code Ann. § 45.1-361.9 which provides that any order or decision of the Board may be appealed to the appropriate circuit court. Such appeals must be taken in the manner prescribed in the Administrative Process Act, Va. Code Ann. § 9-6.14:1 et seq. and Rule 2A of the Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court.
- 9. <u>Effective Date</u>: This Order shall be effective as of the date of the Board's approval of this Application, which is set forth at Paragraph 1 above.

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My Commission Expires September 30, 2009





Well elevation determined by GPS survey from HARN Monument P-424

Area of Unit = 112.69 Ac.

N 3,566,179 E 10,345,569 Well Coordinates: (VA St. Plane S. Zone,

NAD 27 Calculated from NAD 83) E 862,584 N 285,305

Well Coordinates: (Clinchfield Coal Co.) W 4,442.26 S 17,294.96

WELL LOCATION PLAT

WELL NAME AND NUMBER V-536706 COMPANY Range Resources-Pine Mountain, Inc. TRACT NO. Ls. No. 906889/TL-211 ELEVATION 2.250.10' \_ QUADRANGLE \_ Caney Ridge SCALE 1" = 400' DATE 4-14-2008 \_ DISTRICT <u>Kenady</u> COUNTY Dickenson This Plat is a new plat x; an updated plat x; or a final location plat Denotes the location of a well on United States topographic Maps, scale 1 to 24,000, latitude and longitude lines being represented by border lines as shown.

Licensed Professional Engineer or Licensed Land Surveyor